

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation  
and why Sinclair's  
efforts at  
deregulation should  
stop.

Sinclair uses the  
PUBLIC airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. By  
treating the  
anti-Kerry  
documentary as  
"news," Sinclair is  
openly circumventing  
the obligation to  
give equal time to  
Bush's opponent -  
Senator Kerry. This  
is not democracy -  
allowing a media  
giant to force local  
stations play  
political  
propoganda  
immediately prior to  
a very hotly  
contested election.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.  
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